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STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO PUBLIC HEALTH.

KANSAS.

Tuberculosis Sanatorium—Medical Assistants—Admission of Patients. (Chap. 335, Act Mar. 16, 1915.)

SECTION 1. *Medical assistant examining physicians.*—All medical assistants shall be appointed by the superintendent. No medical assistant shall be appointed who is not a reputable physician and a graduate of a legally chartered and recognized medical college. The county health officer shall examine all applicants for admission to such sanatorium. Said examining physicians shall have been in regular practice of their profession for at least five years, and shall be skilled in the diagnosis and treatment of pulmonary disease. Their fee or compensation for each patient examined shall be \$3.

SEC. 2. *County patients.*—The State board of control having charge of the said State tubercular sanatorium is hereby given power and authority to receive therein patients who have no ability to pay, but no person shall be admitted to the hospital who has not been a citizen of this State for at least one year. Every person desiring free treatment in such hospital shall apply to the local authorities, of his or her county, having charge of the relief of the poor, who shall thereupon issue a written request to the superintendent of such State sanatorium for the admission of such persons. Such request shall state in writing whether the person is able to pay for his or her care and treatment while at the hospital, which request or statement shall be kept on file by the superintendent of the hospital. Such requests shall be filed by the superintendent in a book kept for that purpose in the order of their receipt by him. Whenever there are vacancies caused by death or removal said superintendent shall thereupon issue a request to an examining physician, appointed as provided for in section 1, in the same city or county, and if there be no such examining physician in said city or county, then to the nearest examining physician, for the examination by him of said patient.

Upon the request of such superintendent said examining physician shall examine all persons applying for free admission and treatment in said institution and determine whether such persons applying are suffering from incipient pulmonary tuberculosis. No person shall be admitted as a patient in said institution without the certificate of one of such examining physicians, certifying that such applicant is suffering from incipient pulmonary tuberculosis, and if upon the reception of a person in the said hospital it is found by the authorities thereof that he is not suffering from incipient pulmonary tuberculosis, or is suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis in such an advanced stage as to prevent his receiving any benefit from the care and treatment in said hospital, he can be returned to the place of his residence, and the expense of transportation to and from said hospital shall be paid by the county sending such patient. Admission to said hospital shall be made in the order in which the names of the applicants appear upon the application book, to be kept as above provided by the superintendent of said hospital, in so far as such applicants are subsequently certified by such examining physicians to be suffering from incipient pulmonary tuberculosis.

Every person who is admitted as and who is a county charge at the time of making his or her application shall be transported to and from the hospital at the expense of

said county, and cared for and treated at the expense of such county, which would otherwise be chargeable with the support of indigent persons, and the expense of transportation, treatment and maintenance, and the actual cost of articles of clothing furnished by the hospital to such poor or indigent person, shall be a charge against such county. And the State board of control, in charge of the said State tubercular sanatorium, shall fix the price of maintenance, in such institution, for county patients, and the different counties having county patients contained therein will be liable for the maintenance cost, as fixed by the State board of control, not to exceed \$3 per week.

SEC. 3. *Private patients.*—Applicants for admission to this institution who are able to pay for their treatment are not required to obtain a written request from the local authorities having charge of the relief of the poor, but shall make application direct to the superintendent, who shall enter the name of such applicant in the book to be kept by him for that purpose, as provided in section 2 of this act, and when there is room in said hospital for such applicant, without interfering with the preference in the selection of patients which shall always be given to the indigent, such patient shall be admitted to the hospital upon the certificate of one of the examining physicians, which certificate shall be kept on file by such superintendent.

SEC. 4. *Support of county patients.*—At least once each month the superintendent of the hospital shall furnish to the board of county commissioners of each county having charge of the relief of the poor a list of all the county patients in such hospital that are credited to each respective county, and who are shown by the statement of such local authorities to be unable to pay for their care, treatment, and maintenance, under the provisions of section 2 of this act, and he shall accompany such list with a bill of charges for the care, treatment and maintenance, at the rate per week to be fixed by the State board of control, for each county patient, together with items of expense, transportation, fee of the examining physician, and the actual cost of articles of clothing furnished by the hospital to each such county patient. And the county commissioners of such county shall allow such sums of money for such purposes, and said sums to be paid to the superintendent of the hospital, and he shall pay the same over to the State treasurer, to be placed in the maintenance fund of the State tubercular sanatorium, and may be used for special improvements.

SEC. 5. The State board of control having charge of the State tubercular sanatorium shall have power and authority to fix the charges to be paid by patients who are able to pay for their care and treatment in such hospital, or who have relatives bound by law to support them who are able to pay therefor.

Hospitals—Certain Cities Authorized to Levy a Tax for the Equipment and Maintenance of. (Chap. 143, Act Mar. 24, 1915.)

SECTION 1. That the mayor and council of any city of the second class, with a population of more than 3,000 and not exceeding 6,000, or the mayor and commissioners, where such city has the commission form of government, may annually levy a tax of not exceeding one mill on each dollar of assessed valuation, for the purpose of equipping and maintaining a hospital in such city; *Provided*, That before any such tax shall be levied a proposition to levy such tax shall first be submitted to the qualified electors of such city for their rejection or approval. And no such election shall be called until a petition therefor, signed by 25 per cent of the electors of such city, shall first be presented to such city council or city commissioners.

SEC. 2. The levy provided for by the preceding section is in addition to the limitation of the rate of levy fixed for cities of the second class by section 9413, of the general statutes of 1909, being section 20, of chapter 245 of the session laws of 1909.